

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Publication

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1952 was estimated to be 607,413, comprising 313,109 Males and 294,304 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951, was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>NOVEMBER.</u>		<u>11 Months Ended</u> <u>NOVEMBER.</u>	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - Number.	393	480	4,831	4,980
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	7.88	9.92	8.79	9.26
Births - Number.	1,138	1,263	14,173	13,876
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	22.80	26.11	25.78	26.07
Deaths - Number.	411	420	4,772	4,938
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.24	8.68	8.68	9.28
Infant - Number.	18	28	354	399
Mortality *Rate per 1000 Live Births.	15.82	22.17	24.98	28.75
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	6	13	71	80
Cancer.	50	58	617	642
Influenza.	1	3	19	21
Diphtheria.	-	-	2	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	38	61	563	557
Arteriosclerosis.	14	19	163	199
Diseases of the Heart.	144	120	1,559	1,608
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	10	9	158	182
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	-	2	37	59
Nephritis.	7	8	72	80
Diseases of Early Infancy.	14	15	220	247
Senility.	2	-	24	19
Accidents.	42	27	369	357
All Other Causes.	83	85	898	876
Total.	411	420	4,772	4,938

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1952, totalled 1,212,401 acres, an increase of 56,593 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,379,344 acres, a decrease of 396,203.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	3,064,858	2,427,142	16,901,935	15,791,166
Revenue per Head of Population.	£5. 0. 4	£4. 2. 2	£27. 17. 3	£26. 18. 5
Expenditure.	3,680,100	2,914,141	18,953,406	16,578,234
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£6. 0. 6	£4. 18. 8	£31. 4. 11	£28. 5. 3

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositor's Balances on the 31st December, 1952, amounted to £48,618,214 or £79. 8. 10d. per head of population as against £46,033,058 or £77. 16. 3d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 31st December, 1952, amounted to £12,145,265 compared with £12,731,109 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		DECEMBER.		6 Months Ended DECEMBER.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,708	1,455	10,019	11,939
	£.	2,093,027	2,035,733	10,974,966	15,980,464
Mortgages.	No.	1,389	1,098	7,294	8,112
	£.	1,893,803	1,311,679	10,619,496	11,293,396
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	889	737	5,152	5,625

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND

TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Six months ended DECEMBER, 1952.	18,075,142	12,969,132	40,897,111	2,642,623
Six months ended DECEMBER, 1951.	16,920,566	14,079,748	39,894,205	2,386,040
Month of DECEMBER, 1952.	3,914,625	2,511,122	8,130,484	464,974
Month of DECEMBER, 1951.	1,264,316	1,897,919	4,947,874	409,998

STATE OF NEW YORK

NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE	AMOUNT
JOHN J. BROWN	NEW YORK	1890	100.00
JAMES H. SMITH	NEW YORK	1891	200.00
WILLIAM D. JONES	NEW YORK	1892	300.00
CHARLES E. WHITE	NEW YORK	1893	400.00

1894	500.00
1895	600.00
1896	700.00
1897	800.00
1898	900.00
1899	1000.00

1900	1100.00
1901	1200.00
1902	1300.00
1903	1400.00
1904	1500.00
1905	1600.00

1906	1700.00
1907	1800.00
1908	1900.00
1909	2000.00
1910	2100.00

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

53 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,878,000, and 27 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1952. Registrations for the previous corresponding period comprised 47 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,181,500 and 36 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Six Months ended DECEMBER.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
Sequestration Orders.	19	£. 50,991	£. 34,637	10	£. 24,283	£. 29,363
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	13	58,861	57,394	5	8,210	4,353
Deeds of Arrangement.	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	NOVEMBER.		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER.	
	1952/	1951	1952/	1951
Gross Earnings.(a) * £.	651,900	874,500	2,494,900	4,091,100
Working Expenses.(a) £.	972,789	896,942	4,383,666	4,329,956
Train Miles Run. No.	467,594	604,931	1,493,425	3,029,460
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 149,166	(b) 147,143	(c) 841,681	(c) 745,300
Passenger Journeys -				
Train. No.	441,914	806,360	1,874,363	4,688,621
Motor Bus. No.	45,926	43,184	278,923	239,111
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods.	201,864	251,258	711,233	1,305,875
Livestock.	17,667	19,448	59,440	63,818
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	52,432	93,336	188,604	352,841
Total.	271,963	364,042	959,277	1,722,534
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods.	31,221,019	39,147,914	105,239,576	199,273,062
Livestock.	2,271,788	2,530,460	7,927,437	8,209,767
Departmental.				
(Free Freight).	7,913,473	8,809,201	26,177,340	40,228,966
Total.	41,406,280	50,487,575	139,344,353	247,711,795

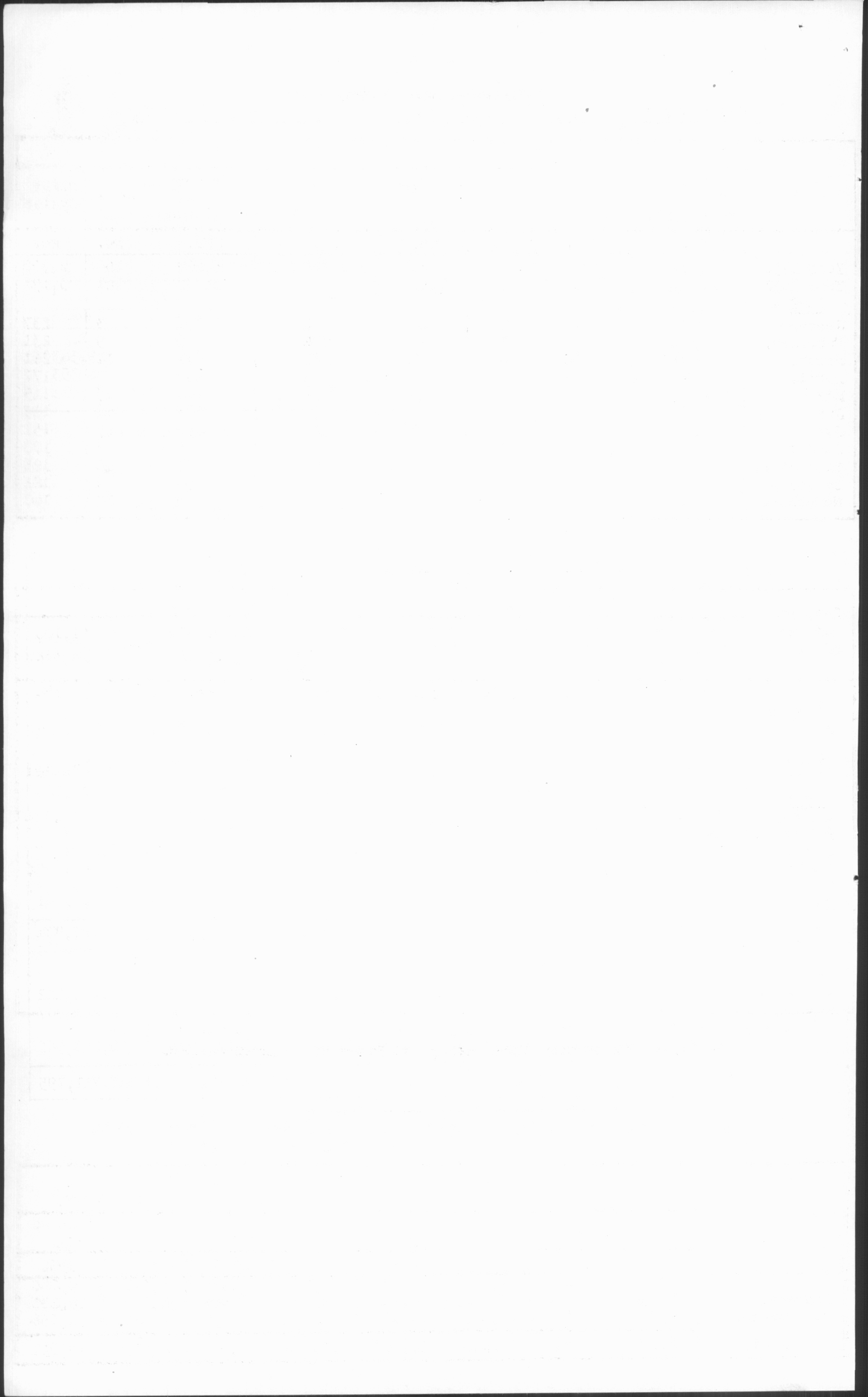
(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 15th November.

(c) Period ended 15th November.

* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect result of Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED) VEHICLES.

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May.	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115
June.	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
July.	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151
August.	260	137	3	65	493	385	3	108
September.	300	140	7	56	594	397	10	125
October.	375	195	7	68	715	530	9	121
November.	282	136	7	79	556	409	10	140

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May.	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902
June.	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
July.	38,683	16,721	522	10,110	63,573	49,705	999	14,950
August.	38,845	16,769	524	10,094	63,968	50,001	1,001	14,977
September.	39,156	16,857	525	10,123	64,573	50,346	1,005	15,075
October.	39,410	16,975	532	10,100	64,915	50,360	993	15,113
November.	39,621	17,070	539	10,156	65,712	51,347	1,007	15,431

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for November, 1952:-
96 Cars; 776 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, November, 1952 and 1951, and five months ended November, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.		NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea.	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate.	1,894	5,294	13,171	25,642	9,558	8,599	35,288	34,233
	5,273	5,324	29,309	26,170	1,426	901	9,391	4,758
Total.	7,167	10,618	42,480	51,812	10,984	9,500	44,679	38,991

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,855	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285
Sept. Qr.	669	1,451	1,400	3,470	19	170	141	644	2,229	5,735

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732
Sept. Qr.	792	2,200	248	614	961	1,751	39	90	2,040	4,655

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,732,092 lbs. were produced during December, 1952, and 11,299,443 lbs for the six months ended December, 1952, as against 1,565,617 lbs. and 11,537,190 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	DECEMBER.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity Fine Ozs.	66,341	49,639	729,975	627,779
Value (Aust. Currency)*£.	1,027,727	772,092	11,308,559	9,725,343

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1952, amounted to £1,079,372. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £1,000,469.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2439	2134	2359	1963	2225	1989	2170	1860
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2647	2286	2556	2105	2324	2078	2262	1940
Northam.	2521	2175	2429	1995	2253	1991	2186	1870
Bunbury.	2505	2178	2415	1991	2255	2012	2195	1870
Geraldton.	2566	2216	2473	2033	2364	2090	2293	1956
Collie.	2524	2174	2432	1991	2146	1916	2085	1785

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,314	41,319	168,633
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,366	41,367	169,033
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	126,905	41,326	168,231
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	126,734	41,110	167,844
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848	126,001	40,564	166,565
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094	125,215	40,408	165,623
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077	125,577	40,115	165,692
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840	125,235	40,272	165,507
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248	126,306	40,389	166,695
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113	126,330	40,541	166,871
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS. (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	212	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	212	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	209	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	207	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215	205	1277	1362	1429	1517	1495
July.	177	182	204	216	204	1301	1381	1423	1517	1497
August.	179	189	204	215	207	1294	1377	1419	1510	1488
September.	180	190	204	212	206	1302	1365	1428	1518	1485
October.	180	191	206	214	207	1318	1375	1431	1522	1507
November.	182	192	207	214	208	1349	1402	1450	1537	1519
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/24 = 1000)

All Items of Household Furnishings ("B" Series)		Food and Dressing		Housing		Transportation		Amusement		Medical		Education		Total	
1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922
1880	2170	1900	2028	1958	1958	2134	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1900	2282	2078	2124	2078	2078	2282	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1920	2186	1991	2073	1991	1991	2186	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1940	2198	2073	2073	2073	2073	2198	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1958	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1978	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

All Items of Household Furnishings ("B" Series)		Food and Dressing		Housing		Transportation		Amusement		Medical		Education		Total	
1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922
1880	2170	1900	2028	1958	1958	2134	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1900	2282	2078	2124	2078	2078	2282	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1920	2186	1991	2073	1991	1991	2186	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1940	2198	2073	2073	2073	2073	2198	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1958	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1978	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951

All Items of Household Furnishings ("B" Series)		Food and Dressing		Housing		Transportation		Amusement		Medical		Education		Total	
1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922	1921	1922
1880	2170	1900	2028	1958	1958	2134	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1900	2282	2078	2124	2078	2078	2282	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1920	2186	1991	2073	1991	1991	2186	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1940	2198	2073	2073	2073	2073	2198	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1958	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951
1978	2093	2073	2073	2073	2073	2093	2438	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951	1951

(a) The index numbers are based on the prices of the commodities in the index. The index numbers are not intended to show the change in the value of the index, but only the change in the prices of the commodities in the index.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.			Goldfields and Rest of State.		
	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	
27th January, 1953.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
	*11. 18. 6	*7. 15. 0	12. 0. 6	7. 16. 4	12. 5. 9	7. 19. 9			

* From 27th October, 1952.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars.	DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	27,943	23,471	171,316	156,858
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,786	19,998	131,412	136,656

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
December, 1952.	5,781	433	132,989	12,697
December, 1951.	4,888	414	111,038	13,442
12 Months ended December, 1952.	98,100	6,402	1,258,754	118,192
12 Months ended December, 1951.	107,699	4,455	772,217	117,512

STATE OF TEXAS

County	City	State	Year	Amount	Balance	Total
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From 1900 to 1901

County	City	State	Year	Amount	Balance	Total
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County	City	State	Year	Amount	Balance	Total
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